

CALIFORNIA HIV/AIDS PLANNING GROUP

What we do:

The California HIV/AIDS Planning Group (CHPG), a combined HIV prevention and care statewide planning group, provides community perspectives, advice, and recommendations to the California Department of Public Health, Office of AIDS (CDPH/OA) in the planning and development of programs and allocation of resources.

Who we serve:

Community planning is a participatory partnership between local health departments and the populations infected with or at risk for HIV, and is one of the nine required components of a comprehensive HIV prevention program as defined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Additionally, the Health Resources and Services Administration, the agency which provides funding for HIV care and treatment through the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (Part B), supports an inclusive and open community planning process that results in decisions that reflect the needs of the HIV/AIDS community. The basic intent of the community planning process is to improve HIV prevention and care programs by: 1) increasing meaningful community involvement in prevention and care planning; 2) improving the scientific basis of program decisions; and 3) targeting resources to those communities at highest risk for HIV transmission and in most need for care services.

What you should know:

- CHPG membership reflects the geographic, ethnic, gender, sexual orientation, age, HIV status, and professional expertise diversity in California.
- At least 25 percent of the members are people living with HIV.
- Members are selected through an application process (see Web site for next application period).
- Organizational members are appointed for specific expertise and experience, and represent groups, organizations or agencies whose involvement in the HIV epidemic is evident and whose representation on CHPG has been determined to be important to the work of the group.
- Meetings are open to the general public and each meeting includes a public comment session.



What we have done:

CHPG continues to make substantial progress to improve its ability to address HIV prevention and care needs across California. CHPG makes recommendations on policies and establishes new task forces to address specific program needs. For more information about recent OA presentations to CHPG, see:

<http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/AIDS/Pages/OAPlanCHPG.aspx>.

Helpful resources:

- CHPG's Web site: www.cahivplanninggroup.org.
- Center for Disease Control and Prevention's 2003-2008 HIV Prevention Community Planning Guidance: www.cdc.gov/hiv/resources/guidelines/index.htm.
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration: www.hrsa.gov.
- For information on CDPH/OA's mission, programs, and other HIV/AIDS resources, see: www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/AIDS.
- Intervention development and community planning, see: www.choicehiv.org.
- For information on other local HIV/AIDS services, see the *California AIDS Clearinghouse Resource Directory* at: www.hivinfo.org.
- For information about HIV/AIDS, call:
 - *California HIV/AIDS/STD Hotline* at (800) 367-AIDS (2437) (English/Spanish) or (888) 225-AIDS (TDD) or visit: www.AIDShotline.org.
 - *National AIDS Hotline* at (800) CDC-INFO (232-4636) (English/Spanish), or (888) 232-6348 (TDD).